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NAPA ANNOUNCES WINNER AND FINALISTS FOR TOP NATIONAL AWARD FOR QUALITY IN ASPHALT PAVING

Lanham, MD - The National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA) announced today the winner and finalists for the 2011 Sheldon G. Hayes Award for excellence in construction of an asphalt pavement. The companies were recognized at a special ceremony during the association's 57th Annual Meeting in Palm Desert, Calif.

The winner of the Sheldon G. Hayes Award is S. T. Wooten Corp. of Wilson, N.C., for the rehabilitation of I-795 in Wayne and Wilson Counties.

Finalists for the award are Norris Asphalt Paving of Ottumwa, Iowa, for its work on U.S. 63 in Mahaska County, Iowa, and Northeast Asphalt Inc. of Greenville, Wis., for the rehabilitation of U.S. 45 in Eagle River, in Wisconsin's Vilas County.

The Sheldon G. Hayes Award winner and finalists are determined through a two-year process. Highway pavement projects using more than 50,000 tons of asphalt are eligible for consideration. Initially, they must win a Quality in Construction (QIC) Award, which is determined by numerical scores given by pavement engineers at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) on the basis of how well the contractor met the specifications and achieved density on the finished pavement. All the pavements that meet a benchmark figure are given the QIC Award.

The year after a project wins a QIC Award, it may be considered for the Sheldon G. Hayes Award. The top-ranked projects from each year are tested for smoothness, then visually inspected by an independent pavement consultant with many years of experience in the industry. This year, the evaluators praised the contestants for high-quality construction practices resulting in smooth, safe, and durable pavements.

The National Asphalt Pavement Association is the only trade association that exclusively represents the interests of the asphalt pavement material producer/contractor on the national level with Congress, government agencies, and other national trade and business organizations. NAPA supports an active research program designed to improve the quality of asphalt pavements and paving techniques used in the construction of roads, streets, highways, parking lots, airports, and environmental and recreational facilities. The association provides technical, educational, and marketing materials and information to its members; supplies product information to users and specifiers of paving materials; and conducts training courses. The association, which counts more than 1,100 companies as its members, was founded in 1955.

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